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Dear Commissioner Leeper,

Please allow this letter to serve as my request for the County to pass a resolution supporting legislation that would make the ban on texting while driving a primary offense. I am also requesting to appear on the agenda at an upcoming meeting. I have enclosed a copy the resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners in Dade County.

Currently, law enforcement cannot pull over drivers who are texting while driving because it is a secondary offense. Providing law enforcement with the ability to enforce "Texting While Driving Ban" as a primary offense will save lives, prevent injuries, and prevent property damage. Countless lives are lost and many more are injured due to distracted drivers.

Texting While Driving has become an epidemic. Florida fatalities are increasing; almost 18% in 2015 over the prior year. Teen Driver fatalities increased almost 30%.

I appreciate your consideration of this important issue. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Slosberg".

Representative Emily Slosberg
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